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TITLE: Uniform system for verifying and  
tracking articles of  
value

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Brief Summary Text - BSTX (54):

The centralized computer data base has wide applications. It may be tied to the state agencies for use in collecting personal property tax. It would also be valuable in compiling statistics on theft and damage to articles, etc. because it is now a centralized source of data for those particular items.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (19):

The cycle registration may be put into effect on any periodic basis during the year, leaving owners a certain period each year in which to re-register the vehicle and prove ownership, title and the re-insurance of the vehicle; pay excise taxes, etc. This may be altered depending upon each state's method of doing business. The system may be adapted to provide a means for verifying that all tax and registry fees paid to the authorized agent are, in fact, transferred to the appropriate government entity.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (35):

The computer then checks to see whether any finance liens are open 180. If so, a statement is issued 182 and the funds are collected and deposited in a

secured account 184. Next, it checks to see whether all relevant taxes have been paid 186. If not, a statement is issued 188 and the funds are collected and deposited into a secured account 190. It then checks to see whether the vehicle has been inspected by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and/or the insurance company 200 and issues a statement if it has not 202. If not, the computer issues appropriate statements.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (48):

As shown in FIG. 1H, the computer asks whether a vanity plate is required 212. If so, a statement is issued 214. If not, the computer asks whether a special registration plate is required 216. If so, a statement is issued 218 (i.e., whether a handicapped, police, fire, governmental office, or other information is to be indicated on the registration plate). The computer then asks whether the existing registration plates are to be kept 220. If so, a statement is issued to not issue temporary license plates 222. If the existing plates are not to be kept, new DMV forms are issued 224, receipts are issued for all fee payments 226 (i.e., inspection, registration, insurance, municipal/state/federal taxes, sales taxes, excise taxes, and municipal/financing liens), an insurance policy certificate is issued 228 (the actual "binder" policy), an updated title is printed 230 (including salvage, rebuilt, junk/grave and recycling information), inspection certificates are issued 232, temporary registration identification cards are issued 234 and temporary registration license plates are issued 236. Then the program returns to FIG. 1G where the funds are dispersed 254 electronically to all of the proper entities from the secured account. The information

may be stored at the external data bases 255. Returning to FIG. 1H, the new title information is transmitted via computer modem or RF device 238, with a security control check 240 to print the original, certified title 242 using an external printing device 248. Permanent registration plates 244 and permanent registration identification cards are issued 246. The information may be transmitted to external manufacturing devices 250, 252 to print the plates and cards. All documents may then be distributed to the proper owners.

Claims Text - CLTX (31):

(b) means for determining whether said taxes have been paid; and

Claims Text - CLTX (32):

(c) means for issuing a statement responsive to a determination that taxes have not been paid.

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